

## ACTRESS TALKS TO VICE COMMISSION

Salary No Excuse For Vice in  
Theatrical Profession

### SOME NUTS NOT CRACKED

Store Manager Disputes Claim  
That Low Wages Induce  
Immorality

Peoria, Ill., March 15.—Miss Janet Fullerton, an actress, told the Illinois vice commission about life on the stage here this afternoon. The women employees of the two shows playing here had been subpoenaed, but there was time only to hear Miss Fullerton.

Miss Fullerton gave the average minimum wage of chorus girls as \$16. Those who "read lines," she said, rarely receive less than \$25 a week. The average salary of actor and actresses "reading lines" runs from \$35 to \$70 a week, she said.

"Do you," asked O'Hara, "know anything of stage people of both sexes being obliged to dress in the same dressing room?"

"Never heard of such a thing. In some of the houses two women are put together, but never a man and woman."

Chairman O'Hara asked Miss Fullerton whether women ever became actresses because of inadequate pay received in other branches of endeavor.

"Oh no; most girls go on the stage because they are ambitious," she replied. "They feel that they have talent."

As Miss Fullerton had to appear at a matinee she was excused without further questioning.

The commission during the day quizzed eighteen witnesses, including merchants, manufacturers, girls of the underworld, and Miss Fullerton.

Thomas Greer, manager of a department store, did not know the profits of his firm, but was sure the firm could not pay a minimum wage of \$8 to its women employees without seriously interfering with the earnings of the house.

P. A. Bergner, head of a department store, declared his belief that low wages have little to do with immorality among women.

"Ninety-five per cent of them go wrong because of men," he asserted. "Our better paid girls seem to be the ones more likely to go astray," he declared. He expressed the opinion that a minimum wage scale for women would be disastrous. In the first place, firms would hire only those who were worth the money, he asserted, and unskilled persons, instead of getting \$4 or \$6 while learning, as at present, wouldn't be hired at all. He thought such a law would throw more women on the street than under the present system.

"If you pass a minimum wage scale too high for us and we will not hire incompetents at the rate you prescribe, what are you going to do with them?" asked Bergner. Mr. O'Hara did not answer.

H. P. Given, cloak and suit retailer, paid a minimum of \$6 a week. "If they are not worth \$6 they are not worth hiring," he said.

W. D. Roos, a 5 and 10-cent store man, paid low wages because the girls he employs regard his store as a mere training school in salesmanship. They generally leave him as soon as they grasp the rudiments of salesmanship, he said.

Women of the underworld who were examined invariably included low wages among reasons for going astray. Georgia Hall said the main cause was the craving of girls for companionship. This craving left them open to the temptations of the world. Another reason was unhappiness at home. "In our life they find companionship at least," she said. "I would say that 9 out of 10 girls fall because they are lonely."

### TWO NEW STEEL BRIDGES.

Two new modern and improved steel bridges are soon to be built in Wake county and the commissioners has advertised for bids. The bids will be received and opened at the next regular meeting of the board in April.

One of the bridges will be built at Rand's mill in Swift Creek township and will have a 60-foot span. The other one, which will be 120-foot span and twice as large as the one at Rand's mill, will be built on the site of the old Baucum bridge on Neuse river.

It is the aim of the commissioners to replace all the old wooden and other bridges that are inadequate to meet the requirements with new and modern steel bridges and probably other steel structures will be built upon the completion of the two mentioned above.

## AUTHOR MENTIONED FOR FOREIGN POST



Thomas Nelson Page.  
Thomas Nelson Page, barrister and author, is mentioned as a likely candidate for one of the important ambassadorships.

He is known for his stories of negro life in the South before the Civil War, and is considered in his description of the slaves the most capable of all ante-bellum writers. His stories deal mostly with Virginia, and of the fidelity shown by slave to master. He also has written a number of magazine articles on the negro problem from the southern point of view.

He is a native of Virginia, practicing law many years in Richmond.

## CHILD LABOR IN TEXTILE MILLS

Subject For Discussion at the  
Conference

Why Sociologists Will Watch Result of Fight Against  
C. P. Neill

(By the Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., March 15.—Child-labor in the cotton mills was the general subject discussed at today's session of the ninth annual child-labor conference here. The principal speakers were Dr. W. H. Oates, State factory inspector of Alabama, and Dr. Samuel McCune Lane, vice-chairman of the National Child-Labor committee. Dr. Lane pointed to the great need for laws to keep children out of the cotton and canning factories of the South.

Referring to the opposition in the Senate to the re-appointment of Dr. Charles P. Neill as Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Dr. Lane declared the contest was a test between the Senate and the White House and that sociologists will watch the fight with interest. Secretary A. J. McGelway declared that besides the opposition of Senators Overman and Tillman, the old Bailey influence in the Senate was against Dr. Neill, because Neill at a New York banquet once made the "unfortunate remark that his misfortune was that he was from the same State as Bailey." He declared Dr. Neill would get the hearty endorsement of the child-labor conference.

### St. Louis Billiard Tourney.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, March 15.—George Sutton, of Chicago, by winning from Calvin Demarest, 400 to 150 took second place in the 18.2 ball line billiards tournament, which closed here tonight. In the afternoon's game Jose Ortiz, Spanish champion, defeated Charles Peterson, of St. Louis, 400 to 382, and tied for third place. The players finished the tournament as follows:

Names.	Won.	Lost.
Demarest . . . . .	5	1
Sutton . . . . .	3	3
Peterson . . . . .	2	4
Ortiz . . . . .	2	4

## A. AND M. CADETS ON TARGET RANGE

Students Make Showing of  
Good Marksmanship

Seniors Will Have Banquet on  
April 4—Third Term Begins Monday

Chapel exercises for the past week have been conducted by Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the college, and Dr. T. P. Harrison, dean.

The latter part of the week has been taken up by the mid-term examinations, on mathematics and English. At this time the seniors complete their mathematics and the sophomores complete higher Algebra. From all reports it seems that the greater majority of the students passed.

Several of the companies of the battalion have been engaging in target practice on the State Guard range for the past few weeks. There is yet one company to shoot and they will have a chance to show their marksmanship as soon as the weather clears. One hundred and fifty points can be scored, so far this has not been reached by any of the students, the highest mark being about one hundred and twelve.

Monday the third term begins and then it is not long until final examinations and commencement.

At a meeting of the senior class Thursday after dinner it was decided to have a banquet on April 4. W. D. Simpson and W. C. Taylor were appointed by the president of the class to make the necessary arrangements.

Owing to the rain of the past few days, it has been almost impossible for the baseball team to get in as good work if the field was not wet, but any way the men have been working out and the prospects for a winning team, increase each day.

During the present wet spell, the track team is practicing starting and other matters pertaining to their work in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

It is reported that at the next meeting of the alumni, which is May 26, 1913, that a standard class ring is to be adopted. In case this should be done, it will be one of the greatest things ever done by the alumni, as then all class rings will be of the same design with the exception of the numerals which will be changed each year to suit the class which orders them.

### 16 YEARS FOR LITTLETON.

(Littleton News-Reporter.)

With this issue we close volume sixteen. Sixteen years of labor for and in behalf of Littleton and community. It has been a labor of love though not at all times sweetened by the knowledge that it was bringing forth the desired results. During that time we have sent from The News-Reporter office between eight and nine hundred thousand papers saying all we could in behalf of this community. Littleton has more than doubled itself in population and wealth. Handsome residences and business houses now grace what when we began our work were unsightly vacant lots. We have identified ourselves with the town and it is more to us to day than any other town on the map. We are grateful for the fact we have many loyal, big-hearted friends. Some of them have paid for a copy of every issue ever made of the paper. Some who have been on the mailing list fell by the wayside holding back from us the rations we had earned. In closing this volume we wish to thank those who have given encouragement whether by advertising, subscription, items of news or contributions to the columns of the paper.

### Aycock Day.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Statesville, March 15.—Yesterday was observed as Aycock day at the Statesville graded schools. In the afternoon public exercises were held in the auditorium, consisting of a program by the teachers and pupils of the school and brief addresses by Hon. W. D. Turner and Z. V. Long and Dorman Thompson.

### ONE AT A TIME—GIRLS.

Grace Margaret Gould, fashion editor of the Woman's Companion, writing "A Talk With Girls About Their Clothes," in the March number of that periodical, says:

"Don't wear too many dress accessories at the same time, no matter how attractive they are. For instance, if you are wearing one big of beads and your silver chain with the lovely locket that you like so to follow."

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE SCORES DISTINCT VICTORY IN THIS

A New, Larger and Stronger  
Committee That Is Its  
Good Friend

### IT FAVORS AMENDMENT

To Constitution, and Will Report  
Favorably a Measure to That  
Effect—Then What?

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 15.—A constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote for president and vice-president probably will be brought formally before congress with the endorsement of a senate committee before the end of the present year. In the reorganization of its committees today the senate took its woman suffrage committee out of the list of inactive committees where it has remained for many years; increased its membership from five to nine, the majority of whom are advocates of suffrage for women; and gave its chairmanship to Senator Thomas of Colorado, a suffrage state.

Senator Thomas said tonight he had accepted the chairmanship with the understanding that there would be active steps taken in this congress to submit a suffrage amendment to the people.

Senator Thomas will confer with national leaders in the suffrage movement to determine what steps they desire to take. It is expected the committee will begin consideration of the question soon after the extra session convenes in April.

Representatives of the national American woman suffrage association made arrangements today for a conference with President Wilson at 10:30 o'clock Monday forenoon when they will urge him to recommend in a message to congress an amendment to the federal constitution entitling women to the ballot. Whether or not President Wilson makes such recommendation actively in congress will begin at an early date.

The senate committee on woman suffrage had heretofore been known as a "minority committee." It has not met for many years. Democratic leaders notified the republicans early today that they proposed to enlarge the committee and take over the chairmanship. As finally organized by the senate the committee includes the following:

Senator Thomas, Colorado, chairman; Owen, Oklahoma; Ashurst, Arizona; Ransdell, Louisiana; Hobbs, New Hampshire; Clapp, Minnesota; Sutherland, Utah; Jones, Washington; and Catron, New Mexico.

Senator Jones is chairman of the special committee now investigating the failure of the police to protect properly the great suffrage parade in Washington, March 3.

"The proposal to give women the right to suffrage through a constitutional amendment is becoming a question of constantly growing importance," said Chairman Thomas today. "I have taken the chairmanship of this committee because I believe I can do some effective work for the extension of suffrage to the women of the country."

### WHOLESALE HOUSE ROBBERY.

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 15.—The home of Chas. M. Schwab, South Bethlehem, was robbed last night of several thousand dollars' worth of silverware and jewelry and a few hours after detectives were put on the case today Mr. Schwab's valet and three other men were detained by the police in connection with the robbery.

The district attorney of Northampton county said that most of the stolen property will be recovered. Diamonds, pearl stick pins and cuff links, picked up by Mr. Schwab on his travels over the world, were taken from his home.

### MRS. B. R. ELIUM.

Spencer, March 15.—Mrs. B. R. Elium, aged fifty-five years, died at her home in East Spencer today from pneumonia. She had been ill three weeks and is survived by a husband and several grown children. The funeral takes place Sunday at Union Lutheran church in Rowan county, being conducted by Rev. L. B. Spracher.

Gasoline motor cars on a Hungarian railroad are equipped with roof radiators to cool the water used for keeping the motors from overheating.